STATE OF MONTANA
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UPLAND GAME BIRD REGULATIONS FOR 1977

SAGE GROUSE

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following described counties shall be open to the hunting of sage grouse for a portion of each day from one-half hour before sunrise through one-half hour after sunset for the limits and on the dates shown for each county.

September 10 through September 25, 1977 — Broadwater, Gallatin, Jefferson, Meagher, Park, Stillwater, and Sweet Grass counties.

Limit: The daily limit shall be three (3) sage grouse per person. Possession limit, six (6) after first day of season. Field-dressed grouse should have one wing attached for identification and aging.

September 10 through October 16, 1977 — Beaverhead, Madison, and those portions of Deer Lodge and Silver Bow counties lying east of the Continental Divide.

Limit: The daily limit shall be three (3) sage grouse per person. Possession limit, six (6) after first day of season. Field-dressed grouse should have one wing attached for identification and aging.

September 24 through November 27, 1977 — Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Carter, that portion of Chouteau County north and east of the Marias and Missouri Rivers, Custer, that portion of Dawson and Wibaux Counties lying south of Highway 200S and Interstate 94 to the Montana-North Dakota state line, Fallon, Fergus, Garfield, Golden Valley, Hill, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Rosebud, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, and Yellowstone counties.

Limit: The daily limit shall be three (3) sage grouse per person. Possession limit, six (6) after first day of season. Field-dressed grouse should have one wing attached for identification and aging.

Note: Time to conform with shooting zones and sunrise-sunset schedules for the state as established by the Montana Fish and Game Commission.

Areas Closed to Hunting: State Game Preserves and closures and National Parks. For hunting privileges on Indian Reservations, inquire at the local Indian Agency Headquarters.

License: Must be in possession of a Class AAA $35 Resident Sportsman's License, or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or a Class B-2 $50 Nonresident Combination License, or a Class B-10 $225 Nonresident Big Game Combination License; Montana residents 62 and older must be in possession of the $1 Conservation License. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds.

Means of Taking: Sage grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge or long bow and arrow. All other means of taking prohibited.

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SHARPTAILED GROUSE

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following described counties shall be open to the hunting of sharptailed grouse for a portion of each day from one-half hour before sunrise through one-half hour after sunset on the dates shown for each county.

September 10 through September 25, 1977

Beaverhead, Broadwater, Gallatin, Jefferson, Madison, Meagher, Park, Stillwater, Sweet Grass counties and those portions of Deer Lodge and Silver Bow counties lying east of the Continental Divide.

Limit: The daily limit for sharptails shall be three (3) per person. Possession limit, six (6) after the first day of the season.

September 24 through October 16, 1977

Cascade, that portion of Chouteau County lying south and west of the Marias and Missouri Rivers, Glacier, Judith Basin, Lewis & Clark*, Pondera, and Teton** counties.

Limit: The daily limit for sharptails shall be four (4) per person. Possession limit, eight (8) after the first day of the season.

* The Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir in Lewis & Clark County will be open to sharptailed grouse hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season and then it will be closed to all hunting. (See waterfowl closures.)

**A portion of Teton County in the Freezout Game Management Area will be open to sharptailed grouse hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season and then it will be closed to all hunting. (See waterfowl closures.)

September 24 through November 27, 1977

Blaine, that portion of Chouteau County lying north and east of the Marias and Missouri Rivers, Daniels, Fergus, Hill, Liberty, Petroleum, Phillips, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Toole, and Valley counties.

Limit: The daily limit for sharptails shall be five (5) per person. Possession limit, ten (10) after the first day of the season.

September 24 through November 27, 1977

Big Horn, Carbon, Carter, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, Golden Valley, McCone, Musselshell, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Rosebud, Treasure, Wheatland, Wibaux, and Yellowstone counties.

Limit: The daily limit for sharptails shall be four (4) per person. Possession limit, eight (8) after the first day of the season.

Note: Time to conform with shooting zones and sunrise-sunset schedules for the state as established by the Montana Fish and Game Commission.

Areas Closed to Hunting: State Game Preserves and closures and National Parks. For hunting privileges on Indian Reservations, inquire at the local Indian Agency Headquarters.

License: Must be in possession of a Class AAA $35 Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or a Class B-2 $50 Nonresident Combination License, or a Class B-10 $225 Nonresident Big Game Combination License. Montana residents 62 and older must be in possession of the $1 Conservation License. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds.

Means of Taking: Sharptailed grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge or long bow and arrow. All other means of taking prohibited. Field-dressed grouse should have one wing attached for identification and aging.

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MOUNTAIN GROUSE (Franklin's, Blue, Ruffed)

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following counties shall be open to the hunting of Franklin's grouse, blue grouse, and ruffed grouse for a portion of each day from one-half hour before sunrise through one-half hour after sunset on the dates shown for each county:

September 10 through November 27, 1977 — Beaverhead, Big Horn, Broadwater, Cascade, Carbon, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Flathead , Gallatin, Golden Valley, Glacier, Granite, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake , Lewis & Clark , Lincoln, Madison, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Pondera, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton , and Wheatland counties.

Note: Time to conform with shooting zones and sunrise-sunset schedules for the state as established by the Montana Fish and Game Commission.

Areas Closed to Hunting: State Game Preserves and closures, National Parks, and the Flathead Indian Reservation.

For hunting privileges on other Indian Reservations, inquire at the local Indian Agency Headquarters.

Limit: The daily limit shall be five (5) grouse per person in combination or single species. Possession limit, ten (10) after first day of the season. Field-dressed grouse should have one wing attached for identification and aging.

License: Must be in possession of a Class AAA $35 Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or a Class B-2 $50 Nonresident Combination License, or a Class B-10 $225 Nonresident Big Game Combination License. Montana residents 62 and older must be in possession of the $1 Conservation License. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds.

Means of Taking: Franklin's, blue, and ruffed grouse may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge or long bow and arrow, rifle, or handgun. All other means of taking prohibited.

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HUNGARIAN & CHUKAR PARTRIDGE

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following counties shall be open to the hunting of Hungarian and Chukar partridge as indicated below. Sunrise-sunset times shall be in conformance with the sunrise-sunset schedule by zones adopted by the Montana Fish and Game Commission.

1. For a portion of each day from one-half hour before sunrise, September 10, 1977, to sunset, December 4, 1977: Beaverhead, Broadwater, those portions of Deer Lodge and Silver Bow counties east of the Continental Divide, Gallatin, Jefferson, Madison, Meagher, Park, Stillwater, and Sweet Grass counties.

   Limit: Daily six (6) partridge per person.
   Possession twelve (12) partridge per person.

2. For a portion of each day from one-half hour before sunrise, September 24, 1977, to sunset, December 4, 1977: Glacier, Pondera, Teton , Lewis & Clark , Cascade, Judith Basin, Wheatland, Golden Valley, Yellowstone, and Carbon counties and all counties lying east of these counties.

   Limit: Daily six (6) partridge per person.
   Possession twelve (12) partridge per person.

3. For a portion of each day from one-half hour before sunrise, October 23, 1977, to sunset, November 27, 1977: Those portions of Deer Lodge and Silver Bow counties lying west of the Continental Divide, Flathead*, Granite, Lake*, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, and Sanders counties.

   Limit: Daily six (6) partridge per person.
   Possession twelve (12) partridge per person.

   * A parcel of land and water south of Charlo in Lake County and a parcel of land and water east of Somers in Flathead County will be closed to upland game bird hunting. (See waterfowl closures.)

4. For a portion of each day from one-half hour before sunrise, September 24, 1977, to sunset, January 1, 1978: That portion of Carbon County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of Route 397 and the Wyoming-Montana state line, thence northerly along said route to Belfry, thence northeasterly along Route 308 to Bridger, thence northerly along U.S. Highway 310 to Edgar, thence east on the Edgar-Pryor Road to the Crow Reservation boundary, thence southerly and easterly along said boundary to the west shore of Bighorn Lake, thence southerly along said shore to the Wyoming-Montana state line, thence west along said state line to its junction with Route 397, the point of beginning.

   Limit: Daily six (6) partridge per person.
   Possession twelve (12) partridge per person.

Means of Taking: Partridge may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge or long bow and arrow. Field-dressed partridge should have one wing attached for identification and aging.

Areas Closed to Hunting: All State Game Preserves and National Parks.

Notice: National Wildlife Refuges and Indian Reservations are not closed to partridge hunting by the Montana Fish and Game Commission, however, portions of these refuges and reservations may be closed to trespass by the agency concerned. Hunters are asked to check with the Refuge Manager or tribal office before hunting on these lands.

License: Must be in possession of a Class AAA $35 Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or a Class B-2 $50 Nonresident Combination License, or a Class B-10 $225 Nonresident Big Game Combination License; Montana residents 62 and older must be in possession of the $1 Conservation License. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds.

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PHEASANT

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following counties shall be open to the hunting of ringnecked pheasants for a portion of each day from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset (except the first day, which shall open at noon). Sunrise-sunset times shall be in conformance with the sunrise-sunset schedule by zones adopted by the Montana Fish and Game Commission.

1. Open, Noon, October 23 to sunset, December 4, 1977: Glacier, Pondera, Teton , Lewis & Clark, Jefferson, those portions of Silver Bow and Deer Lodge counties lying east of the Continental Divide, and Beaverhead counties and all counties lying east of these counties.

   Limit: Daily limit shall be three (3) cock pheasants.
   Possession limit, six (6) cock pheasants.

2. Open, Noon, October 23 to sunset, November 27, 1977: Those portions of Silver Bow and Deer Lodge counties lying west of the Continental Divide, Flathead*, Granite, Lake*, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli, and Sanders counties.

   Limit: Daily limit shall be three (3) cock pheasants.
   Possession limit, six (6) cock pheasants.

*A parcel of land and water south of Charlo in Lake County and a parcel of land and water east of Somers in Flathead County will be closed to upland game bird hunting. (See waterfowl closures.)

Means of Taking: Pheasants may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge or long bow and arrow. Field-dressed pheasants must have one foot and one wing attached for identification and aging.

Areas Closed to Hunting: All State Game Preserves and National Parks.

Notice: National Wildlife Refuges and Indian Reservations are not closed to pheasant hunting by the Montana Fish and Game Commission, however, portions of these refuges and reservations may be closed to trespass by the agency concerned. Hunters are asked to check with the Refuge Manager or tribal office before hunting on these lands.

License: Must be in possession of a Class AAA $35 Resident Sportsman's License, or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or a Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or a Class B-2 $50 Nonresident Combination License, or a Class B-10 $225 Nonresident Big Game Combination License. Montana residents 62 and older must be in possession of the $1 Conservation License. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds.

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